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REMARKS

Claims 12 through 21 are in the Application with Claim 12 being the sole independent claim.

In the instant response Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein and Claims 12 through 21 have been added. No new matter is believed to be at issue.

Claims 12 through 21 are drawn to a polynucleotide, Group I in the Office Action, and the same group as original Claims 1 through 10.

Support for new Claims 12 through 21 is found throughout the specification as filed. Support for new Claims 12 through 16 may be found, for example, on page 3, Table 1, and page 5, lines 27 through 38. Support for new Claim 17 may be found, for example, on page 11, line 23. Support for new Claim 18 may be found, for example, on page 1, line 37 through page 2, line 5. Support for new Claim 19 may be found, for example, on page 2, lines 6 through 8. Support for new Claims 20 and 21 may be found, for example, on page 2, lines 11 through 13. No new matter is believed to be at issue.

The specification has been amended to add the continuity information to the first paragraph after the title of the application. This information is found on the Application Data Sheet submitted with the Application on September 11, 2003. No new matter is believed to have been introduced.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, new Claims 12 through 21, drawn to a polynucleotide, and Group E drawn to a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:9 or corresponding polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10.

Applicants believe new Claims 12 through 21 to be directed to Group I.

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Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Examination on the merits and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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